

tion and many there be which go in thereat; because strait is the gate and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life and few there be that find it." Again he says, "as it was in the days of Noah so shall it be in the days of the Son of man." Luke 19: 26.

The prophet well knew, and Jesus well knew that in a world where the flesh predominated and where satan is rampant, but comparatively few would accept salvation upon the terms that he could offer it. But he knew equally as well that there would be a few among "all nations, kindreds, and peoples and tongues" that would accept it, and those he declared must be reached before the end can come. Matt. 24: 4.

Jesus made "bare his holy arm" to establish the plan of salvation, but now expects his professed followers to bear their arms to work out the plan, or at least to make it known to men everywhere; this was his last message, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Acts 7: 8.

In conclusion this thought, is Jesus your missionary model? if so, Jerusalem is your starting point only, and the ends of the earth your objective. Again, is Jesus your model? if so the evangelization of the world is the purpose of your life and everything else is subjective and subservient to that end.

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#### To the Young People

Sunday, April 8, has been set apart as a day upon which we are to make a special contribution to the missionary cause of the church. The topic is, "Christ our Missionary Model," and in connection with the excellent notes of Brother Yoder I send you also a contribution from Brother Cassel, on the same topic. I am quite sure that we will have one from Brother Talley also. You will not lack material to make the subject and the evening both a pleasant and profitable one.

I want to give you some notes and suggestions that have been gathered from various sources, hoping that they may prove as helpful to you as they did to me. In the "Missionary Review" for April, there is an article entitled "The Missionary Quickening of the Century," in which the century's experience in the work of missions is summed up thus:

1. God has set special honor upon *his own* Gospel. Where it has been most simply and purely preached the largest fruits have ultimately followed.

2. The translation, publication and public and private reading of the Scriptures have been particularly owned by the Spirit.

3. Schools, distinctively Christian and consecrated to the purposes of education of a thoroughly Christian type have been schools of the spirit of God.

4. The organization of native churches on a self-supporting basis with native pastors, and sending out their own members as lay

evangelists, has been sealed with blessing.

5. The crisis has always been turned by *prayer*. At the most disheartening periods, when all seemed hopeless, patient waiting on God in faith has brought sudden and abundant floods of blessing.

6. The more complete self-surrender of missionaries themselves and their new equipment by the Holy Spirit has often been the opening of a new era to the native church and to the whole world.

There is food for much thought in all of these thoughts. If we keep them in mind they will help us solve many missionary problems and answer many missionary questions. I must call your attention to one thought that runs thru them all, and is doubtless the most important thought in mission work and that is the dependence of the church and the individual worker upon the Holy Spirit for *power* and *wisdom*.

The work of missions is primarily the work of the Holy Spirit and nowhere can the Holy Spirit be studied so well as in the missionary work of the church. Every Christian ought to read "The Holy Spirit in Missions," if he would know what the Holy Spirit has done, can do and will in carrying the Gospel into all the world. One of the great needs of the church today is that it be taught what God has done thru the Holy Spirit for and in behalf of missions. We should have a department of "Missionary Intelligences" in our paper, and the outlook is that we shall have it soon. There ought to be a small library of Missionary Literature in each church and especially in each Young People's Society, so that each one may come to know what God has done thru the centuries in behalf of missions.

I copy the following also from a late number of the same Review. It encouraged and inspired me to attempt more for the cause of missions. May it affect you in a similar way:—

A century of missionary foundations lies behind us; a century of building up and building out will follow. The nineteenth century has been the apprenticeship of evangelical missions, and we have made many mistakes; but we are now in possession of a missionary experience which will be our school mistress for the twentieth century. The work done so far is the seed of the coming harvest. Missionary results are to be reckoned; not by years, but by centuries. As Jesus once promised the first missionaries in view of the visible result of their labor, "Ye shall do greater work than I," so also will it be said of the missionaries of the twentieth century: "They have done greater works than those of the nineteenth century," that both be that sower and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

I wonder often, what part the Brethren church will play in the missionary work of the twentieth century, and I always look forward to the work of the young people to determine what that part shall be. Believe me, there is a mighty work before us; the fields are open and opening; God's call is

becoming more and more imperative, the fulcrum is being placed, but what the uplift shall be depends upon the young people of the present. Let us pray that God may make us useful in his service and that in coming years we have reason for rejoicing in view of what God has accomplished thru us. Make this service as spiritual as possible. Arouse an interest for missions. Ask for an offering, and above all, would it not be a good opportunity to call for those that are willing to enter the work when the opportunity comes. Why can we not hear of a number from our societies volunteering for work?

Send your contributions to Brother Cassel and keep an account of it so as to be able to give correct report for our next National Conference. And can we not also have a short report of this service for this department?

W. D. FURRY.

## The Mission Field

### The Washington Mission—A History

Dear Brother Gnagey:—Complying with your request I send you this brief sketch:

We began work in this city October 4, 1892, under the direction of the General Mission Board of the German Baptist Brethren church. We labored in that capacity until August 17, 1896, at which time and at our own request, we had the presence of Eld. E. B. Shaver, of Maurertown, Va., and Eld. I. D. Bowman, of Philadelphia, and the First Brethren church of Washington, D. C., was organized. About eighteen members entered the organization.

Many have been the trials that have followed. The old adversary has done his utmost to uproot the little plant, but it was safely guarded all the while by our heavenly Father. That the Divine Seal has been upon the work from the beginning we have many evidences. Had we judged according to its numerical increase we could not have pronounced it a success. At our late National Conference at Warsaw, Ind., we could report only twenty five members in the city, and about fifteen members at other points, as a result of the work here. But for the past three months we have experienced much to encourage us. Since Dec. 31, 1899, we have received fourteen by baptism, two by letter, and one by relation, with several applicants awaiting baptism. At the same rate of increase we should have a strong, self-supporting congregation before the experience of another year. There would be no doubt about this were we able in some way to provide a parsonage and thus save the payment of rent. The Sunday-school has a membership of about 60 and steadily increasing. We have a missionary society which is beginning to make a very fair record. Our monthly offerings are running from \$25 to \$30.

The Lord has wonderfully answered prayer, and especially in giving the place we now have which we call our "own church home," and let me say "we know how to appreciate it," after holding meetings for so long in